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SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" விருத்தாசலத்திலிருந்து இருப்பு வழியாக மொடப்பள்ளி கிராமத்திற்கு ஒரு ரோடு போட வேண்டியது மிக மிக அவசியமாக இருப்பதினால் இந்த வேலையை இரண்டாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்திலாவது சேர்த்து நிறைவேற்ற சர்க்கார் முயற்சி எடுப்பார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" இதற்கு ஜில்லா போர்டிலிருந்து முயற்சி வரவேண்டும்."

Tax concessions to the ex-ruler of Pudukkottai.

* 1972 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cars are allowed to be owned by the ex-ruler of Pudukkottai tax-free; and

(*b*) with reference to answer given to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 316 on 14th December 1954, in what other respects the ex-ruler is exempt from paying taxes due to the State Government and the local bodies?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No limit is prescribed as to the number of cars that can be owned by His Highness the Raja of Pudukkottai tax-free. At present, he owns six motor vehicles, tax-free, including three cars.

" (*b*) Apart from the exemption from local taxation, details of which have already been given in answer to question No. 516 on 14th December 1954, the Raja is also exempted from payment of fees for driving licence and registration of motor vehicles. He is also exempted from the Indian Arms Rules, 1924 and is entitled to possess under proper licence free of charge the weapons which he was holding prior to merger."

Supply of firewood to the City.

* 1973 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to increase the supply of firewood to the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As there is no control either over movement or price of firewood Government generally do not interfere with the trade. But consequent on certain reports that appeared in the press regarding shortage in the supply of wagons and consequential rise in prices, the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) was asked to look into this matter. The report received disclosed that during December 1954 there was a rise in price of junglewood in Madras City due to lack of wagon facilities for transport of firewood from certain railway stations in the Andhra State to the City. The Railway authorities, who were addressed in the matter, have issued instructions to the officers concerned to step up supply of wagons for movements of firewood to Madras. At present there are sufficient stocks of firewood in the City."